

## CLAIMS

1. A corneal nerve axon extension promoter comprising a somatostatin receptor agonist.  
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2. An agent for the recovery of corneal sensitivity, which comprises a somatostatin receptor agonist.
3. A therapeutic agent for dry eye, which comprises a  
10 somatostatin receptor agonist.
4. A therapeutic agent for corneal epithelial defect, which comprises a somatostatin receptor agonist.
- 15 5. A pharmaceutical composition for promoting extension of corneal nerve axon, which comprises a somatostatin receptor agonist.
6. A pharmaceutical composition for the recovery of corneal  
20 sensitivity, which comprises a somatostatin receptor agonist.
7. A pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of dry eye, which comprises a somatostatin receptor agonist.
- 25 8. A pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of corneal epithelial defect, which comprises a somatostatin receptor agonist.
9. Use of a somatostatin receptor agonist for the production  
30 of a pharmaceutical composition for promoting extension of corneal nerve axon.
10. Use of a somatostatin receptor agonist for the production

of a pharmaceutical composition for the recovery of corneal sensitivity.

11. Use of a somatostatin receptor agonist for the production  
5 of a pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of dry eye.

12. Use of a somatostatin receptor agonist for the production  
of a pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of corneal  
epithelial defect.

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13. A method of promoting extension of corneal nerve axon,  
which comprises administering an effective amount of a  
somatostatin receptor agonist to a case in need of the  
promotion of extension of the corneal nerve axon.

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14. A method of recovering corneal sensitivity, which  
comprises administering an effective amount of a somatostatin  
receptor agonist to a case in need of the recovery of corneal  
sensitivity.

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15. A method of treating dry eye, which comprises  
administering an effective amount of a somatostatin receptor  
agonist to a case affected with dry eye.

25 16. A method of treating corneal epithelium defect, which  
comprises administering an effective amount of a somatostatin  
receptor agonist to a case having corneal epithelial defect.